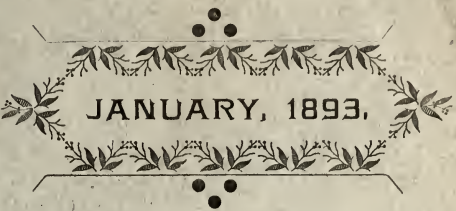


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No. I.

A CHANGE OF DRESS.

It sometimes happens that old friends, after a long separation, when meeting again, need an introduction. They have not seen each other for many days, and in the meanwhile, time has wrought many changes upon them. They have been growing older and into a riper manhood.

Since our last issue the VISITOR has been undergoing such a process of transformation that some of its readers may possibly scarcely recognize it as the same paper. It has been growing some older, and, we trust, much wiser; but chiefly the VISITOR has been trying to grow into a new dress. It is, however, the same "old friend," with the same heart, and the same hand of fellowship and helpfulness.

A change of dress is oftentimes pleasing to the eye, and a thorough transformation gets us out of old ruts, and gives us an infusion of new life and energy. We feel certain that our change of dress will be pleasing to our patrons, and with our transformation and enlargement we hope to be of increased usefulness to the Church and to our friends.

The VISITOR is grateful to its patrons of former years for their words of encouragement and their substantial support. We trust we may have the same encouragement and support in the future. With our change of form and our enlargement we shall incur an increased cost in our publication. The VISITOR should have an increased circulation; our subscription list should be greatly enlarged; every family in the church should not only subscribe for the paper, but should also secure as many subscriptions for us as possible from friends.

The business men of the city have been very kind and liberal in assisting us in the support of the paper. We are especially

thankful to them for their patronage. Our advertisers are all pleased with our change to a magazine form. We give them more space than formerly, and decided advantages, and the the VISITOR hopes to be helpful to them in every way possible.

In our new form we shall have departments for our different church societies. Special reporters have been selected for these columns. This will give us variety, and will no doubt solicit increased interest. We wish for all our friends and patrons a year of happiness and prosperity, and may you kindly remember us in the charities and helpfulness of your hearts and hands.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual congregational meeting held Monday afternoon, January 2, was well attended, and business was transacted with perfect satisfaction to all. The following is a brief exhibit of the financial work of the church and its societies during the past year.

Receipts of the church for the year... \$869.61
Expenditures..... \$64.94

Balance in treasury..... \$4.67
Receipts of Sabbath-school.... \$222.91
Expenditures for Sunday school supplies..... 105.70
Paid on classical apportionment.... 85.09
Balance in treasury..... 32.12

Receipts of Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society:
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1892..... \$921.28
Receipts during the year..... 843.44
Amount paid out during the year. 45.88
Amount in treasury Jan. 2, 1893... 1,719.25

Receipts of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor:
Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1892.... \$32.89
Receipts during the year..... 20.09
Expenditures..... 35.50
Balance in treasury Jan. 2, 1893.... 17.39

Receipts of the GRACE CHURCH VISITOR for 1891:

By subscriptions and advertising...	\$185.00
Expenditures for printing, postage, etc.....	102.00
Balance in treasury.....	83.00

Receipts for 1892:

By subscription and advertising...	\$199.25
Expenditures for printing, postage, etc.....	102.00
Insurance on parsonage house.....	12.75
Amount in treasury.....	85.50
Receipts of Junior C E. for the year..	\$11.42
Expenditures.....	8.23
Balance in treasury.....	3.19

DEATHS.

Mrs. Mary Ann Evard, wife of David Evard, deceased, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Blum, some eight miles north of the city, December 18th, 1892. She was born in the District of Newville, Switzerland, November 25th, 1806, aged 86 years, 23 days. Mrs. Evard had been a resident of Allen County since 1850, having arrived in this country with her husband but a short time previous to her removal here from her birthplace in Switzerland. There were born to this mother six sons and two daughters. Nearly ten years ago she was bereft of her husband; also three sons and one daughter had preceded her to the future world. At an early age in life she became a member of the Reformed Church, and continued in this faith until death. She was kind-hearted to every one and highly respected by her family and friends. The funeral services were held at Bower's Chapel, Wednesday afternoon, December 21. After the service the remains were interred in the burial place adjoining the Chapel.

Mrs. Mary Noonan and Mrs. John Swaidner met with a shocking accident on the afternoon of December 24th, which proved fatal to both ladies. They were out making some Christmas purchases, and while at the Siemon Bro.'s Book Store they entered the elevator, and when coming from the second story the elevator became unmanageable, and becoming greatly alarmed the occupants leaped for their lives, and these two ladies failing to gain a footing upon the floor fell down the shaft some forty feet. Mrs. Swaidner died instantly from the injuries sustained, while Mrs. Noonan lived a few hours after the accident occurred, but never regained consciousness. The bodies of both were removed

on the following day to the Hedekin House, the home of Mrs. Swaidner. Mrs. Noonan being an aunt of Mrs. Swaidner, the funeral services were held jointly at the Hedekin House, and were conducted by the pastor on Tuesday afternoon, December 27th. Hundreds of people came to attend the services and to view the remains. The rooms and halls of the hotel were crowded with people anxious to hear the sermon, while hundreds more thronged the sidewalk and streets about the hotel who could not gain admittance. It was indeed a sad and impressive occasion, and the pastor was only sorry that he could not have the opportunity of speaking to the throngs of people who were present.

Mrs. Noonan was aged 36 years, 4 months and 24 days, Mrs. Swaidner 20 years, 6 months and 24 days. At the conclusion of the services the bodies were conveyed to the Lindenwood Cemetery, where they were placed side by side in the same tomb. Of near relatives, Mrs. Noonan left to mourn her death one brother and two sisters; Mrs. Swaidner, her husband to whom she had been united in marriage for one year and four months. These friends have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.

Geary Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Barret, of the Salem Reformed Church, near Collingswood, died of membranous croup Sabbath morning, January 1st, aged 1 year, 3 months and 24 days. Geary was a very loving and promising little child, the very sunshine and delight of the home. But while tenderly loved by every one in the home, the Lord loved him more and was pleased to take him unto himself in the tender and innocent days of childhood. Now the parent's heart has another treasure in the mansions above, where the little one is safe forever with Jesus. What a comfort to sorrowing and bereaved hearts to know that the Lord does all things well, and that our departed friends have only preceded us to glory, there to await our final coming, and that there we shall meet them again and abide with them forever.

The funeral services of this little one took place at the Salem Reformed Church, Tuesday morning, January 3d, in the presence of a large company of sorrowing and sympathizing friends and neighbors. After the services the body was laid away to rest in the burial place adjoining the church. May the Lord tenderly remember the bereaved parents and brothers and sisters, and in their sorrow may He comfort their hearts.

The Pastor's Note Book.

How do you like the VISITOR in its new dress?

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MR. BERCOT has been quite ill for some weeks past, but is convalescing rapidly.

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WILLIE RUDISIL has so far recovered from his attack of rheumatism that he is again able to be in the city schools.

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THE Pastor is indebted to Mr. Fred. Snyder, of Arcola, and Mr. James Evard for liberal gifts of oats during the holiday season.

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MR. C. C. GUMPPER has been confined to the sick room for many weeks. His recovery has been tedious, but we have confidence that it will be sure.

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MRS. CATHARINE WINGATE sustained a severe injury from a fall some three weeks ago, in consequence of which she has not been able to attend any of our services since.

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MRS. WALTERS, on Barr Street, has not been able to be out of the house since early last fall, and is advised by her physician not to venture out until the return of warm weather.

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THE subscription price of the VISITOR is 25 cents per year in advance. Pay your subscription to the pastor or some member of the consistory. Persons at a distance can remit in postage stamps. If subscriptions are not renewed promptly the paper will be discontinued.

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MR. AND MRS. W. D. PLATTER, of Goshen, spent New Year's with the pastor's family, and were present at our services on New Year's Day, and also at our annual meeting January 2d. They expressed themselves as much pleased with our services and the annual meeting. While in the city Mr. Platter secured plans for the new church edifice which they are to build at Goshen this season. Their work is progressing very rapidly, and they hope to worship in their new home by next fall. Nearly all the funds have been secured and much of the material is already on the ground, and just as soon as spring opens the work will be pushed vigorously.

THE Pastor was very happily surprised on Christmas evening by the presentation of a very handsome chinchilla overcoat, the gift of the members of Grace Church. T. W. Blair was at his best in making the presentation speech. Mrs. Zartman was also presented with a dozen handsome teaspoons by the ladies of the church. Many thanks for these kind remembrances, and for such liberal and warm expressions of love and esteem.

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REV. R. C. ZARTMAN, pastor of Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia, and wife, were both prostrated with severe attacks of typhoid fever during the latter part of December. During their illness their two little daughters, Grace and Ruth, were cared for at the home of Elder Eli D. Edmunds. Mr. and Mrs. Zartman had passed the crisis of their illness, and a few days prior to the time when it had been arranged for the return of their two little daughters, Grace was taken with a severe attack of diphtheria. From recent letters received, she is considered out of danger and is doing as well as could be expected. We are greatly rejoiced to receive such encouraging reports, and our prayer is that soon all may fully recover and enjoy again God's greatest blessings of life, good health.

MARRIAGES.

Wednesday evening, December 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lyle, 324 East Jefferson Street, their daughter Estella was united in marriage to Mr. Asa L. Night, of Toledo, Ohio.

Thursday afternoon, December 22, at the parsonage Mr. George W. Petzenger and Miss Louisa Manet, of Fort Wayne were pronounced husband and wife by the pastor.

Also at the parsonage on the same afternoon Mr. Perry L. Warner and Miss Merda J. Lindsey, of Collingswood, Allen County, pledged to each other their affections for life in the presence of the pastor and his family.

On Christmas afternoon, December 25th, Mr. Charles A. Segur and Miss Bertha Yenney, of Fort Wayne, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony at the parsonage in the presence of attendants and a few other witnesses.

May the Divine Author and Perpetuator of the marriage institution minister kindly to the happiness and prosperity of all these young adventurers on the sea of matrimonial bliss.

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OWING to the fact that the pastor's time has been so much occupied with pastoral and pulpit work, occasioned by the special services which have been in progress since the holidays, very little attention has been given the matter of soliciting for the church building. This work has, however, not been entirely neglected, and the pastor hopes to make some very encouraging reports shortly, and the canvass will be pushed as rapidly as possible. It is presumed that by this time every family has decided to do very liberal things for the Lord in the matter of contributing to the building fund. We wish to repeat again in this connection what we have said already, viz.: that in order to carry our enterprise to a successful end we will need to give as much as possible. Let every one be prepared, so that when you are solicited you are ready to give your subscription at once, this will save the committee time and much unnecessary labor. Indeed every member of the church should be a committee for himself and give his obligation without any special solicitation on the part of the committee.

DAVID ZARTMAN, wife and little daughter, of Butler, Ohio, made a pleasant visit at the parsonage and with friends in the city, during the holidays. Mr. Zartman is a cousin of the pastor.

HAVE you filled out your subscription card for the current expenses of the church for 1893? If not, do so at once and return it the Consistory.

THERE has been a rivalry between the classes in the sabbath school as to which would give the largest collection. On the last Sabbath in January the entire collection of the school amounted to over four dollars. This is doing well. Let the good work continue.

THE attendance at our Sabbath School has been increasing, but not so rapidly as we wish that it might. Who will secure the greatest number of scholars during the year '93? We can afford to work hard, when we remember that every soul we win for Christ, will place a star in our crowns of of rejoicing.

WOULD it not be well if a Visiting Circle were organized in the Sunday School? These organizations have been a great benefit to other Sunday Schools and undoubtedly would be so to our own, if one were organized.

THE following officers were elected at our Annual Meeting, January 2nd: Elder, Martin Connett, Deacon George Soliday, Church Treasurer Chas. Gumpfer, Sabbath School Superintendent D. W. Souder, Assistant Superintendent A. K. Zartman, Secretary Chas. Gumpfer, Librarian, Eugene Mathis.

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THE use of Gospel Hymns Nos. 5 and 6 puts new life and joy into our meetings.

WITH the new year the Bible School should turn a new leaf. Get filled with a new inspiration for work and for Bible study.

IT SEEMS some of our scholars and teachers are of the impression that the school opens at most any hour. The time is 9:30.

WE ARE glad for the Bible Lesson Illustrations which have been secured for our use again. They help to simplify and impress the lesson.

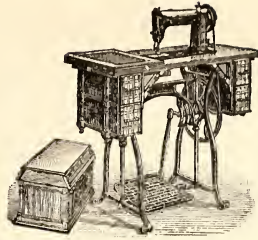
HOW many scholars can we secure for our school during the year? Who will bring in the most? Miss Alice Connett led the list last year.

WE ARE in receipt of the January number of *The Echo*, a monthly published by the Echo Music Co. at Lafayette, Ind. This issue contains excellent anthems for church services, also much valuable reading.

WE HAVE on our table the *Floral Catalogue* for 1893 of John Lewis Childs, Floral Park, Queens Co., N. Y. It is a beauty and is invaluable to every one who is a lover and producer of flowers, vegetables and fruits.

THE pastor feels determined to continue the gospel services in progress at present until their power shall reach the utmost circumference of the church. Grace Church must rise to a higher plane of Christian activity, and of piety and holiness. To this end let us work and pray.

THE gospel meetings which have been in progress during the month of January will continue during the month of February. The church has been greatly benefitted by these meetings. There is a general waking-up among the people, and many are experiencing a deeper work of grace in their hearts. What is needed, is a fuller consecration to the Lord and an anointing with the Holy Spirit. More personal work should be done among the unsaved, inviting them to the services and talking with them about their soul's salvation.



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First Thursday of each month, 2:30 P. M.

THE records of another year have just been brought to a close. How much of good has been recorded for you as an individual?

HAVE you paid your dues in full for 1892? If not, Mrs. Gumpfer can tell you how much you owe, and Mrs. Connett will receive the money.

EFFORTS should be made to increase the membership of the society. Every lady in Grace Church should be a member and every member should be a worker.

THE Ladies' Society has now \$1,719.25 in its building fund. How much shall this fund be increased during the year? What have the ladies to say to this? Shall it be \$1,000 more?

MRS. JAMES VINING has been absent from our services for a number of weeks on account of severe illness. We pray that a kind Providence may soon permit her to be present with us again in our services.

THE prayer meetings on Sabbath afternoon have been a blessing to all who have attended. Come and have the sunshine of God's love penetrate your soul. Come drink at the fountain of life and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

MRS. J. L. HORN has been passing through an afflicting and prolonged siege of sickness. She has been confined to her home since early last autumn. We are glad to learn that she is gaining some strength every day. Our prayer is that this sister may soon be restored to health again, and attend our services, in which she always found so much delight.

THE Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society at a recent meeting held for their annual election chose the following officers for the year: President, Mrs. A. K. Zartman; Vice-President, Mrs. Chas. Gumpfer; Secretary, Mrs. Julia Mathis; Treasurer, Mrs. Martin Connett. The executive committee for the year consists of the following ladies: Mrs. F. D. Paulus, Mrs. George Soliday, Mrs. Jacob Rudisil.

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PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND
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Feb. 5th.—Joy in God's service and in his house. Ezra 6: 16; Rom. 14: 16-19.—Birdie Saffen.

Feb. 12th.—How to pray. Nehemiah's example. Neh. 1: 4-11; James 5: 16-19.—D. W. Souder.

Feb. 19th.—Hindrances. How to meet them. Neh. 4: 9; Phil. 4: 13.—Joseph Chadwick.

Feb. 26th.—Sending portions to others. What have we sent? Neh. 8: 10; Acts 3: 5-9—Nellie French.

At the meeting of the Young People's Society, held Wednesday evening, Feb. 1, seven active members were received, and one associate. Several others have expressed their intention of uniting with the society at the next meeting. Our revival meetings have proven a great blessing to our young people. Let the good work go on.

At the business meeting held February 1st officers were chosen for the year, as indicated at the head of this column. The president will appoint and announce the regular committees of the society in due time.

WE ARE just a little late with our January issue, but we have had lots of snow, and lots of zero weather, and navigation has been frozen up, you know, and then there is more of us now than there used to be. We have not been sick, we are hale and hardy and all right.

THE Christmas Cantata rendered Monday evening, Dec. 28th was one of the best ever given at Grace Church. It was truly a children's cantata, rendered exclusively by the little folks, "Santa," of course, excepted.

DO YOU like the VISITOR in its changed form, and with its contents, sufficiently well to pay 25 cents for it for the year 1893? If so, send in your remittance at once.

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A new association has sprung into existence in Grace Church during the month of January, which we hope will interest all of our members. It is called the Brick Builders' Association. The organization was effected Sunday afternoon, January 29.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Martin Connett; Vice-President, Mrs. Louisa Miller; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Gumpfer.

The object of the association is to sell brick for the new church building.

All persons possessing "Brick Books" are considered member of the association.

Any person may become a member by applying to the Secretary and securing a "Brick Book."

Members are expected to sell one page or ten brick a month.

All members are to report promptly on or before the last Sunday of each month and turn all the money they have collected over to the Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Gumpfer. If only one brick has been sold report 10c; if more have been sold, report the full amount at the end of the month.

Up to date 240 bricks have been sold.

We will endeavor each month to publish the number of bricks sold, and the names of the first four persons selling the most brick. For January,

Mrs. Loneragan	sold	120	brick.
Rose Dukeman	"	50	"
Miss Mast	"	30	"
Josie Zartman	"	30	"

At present the association numbers forty-nine members, but we hope to enlist many more persons in this work. Give us your help; we need it, and you will be doubly rewarded for whatever you do for the Master.

It is contemplated to give to every person selling a whole book of brick something as a memento of the help which they have rendered in securing funds for the church building. E. G.

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